



EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CONSORTIUM OF THE WESTERN CAROLINAS, INC.

September 28, 2006

The Honorable Tom Coburn  
United States Senate  
Chairman Committee on  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
439 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In partial response to your inquiry of July 27, 2006, please find attached the following information and documents:

- (1) A listing of all appropriations received by the ERC for the year 2000 to present:
- (2) A copy of the latest annual report of the Adventure of the American Mind teacher education project. This document contains goals of the projects and lists specific accomplishments of the project. This project has been evaluated by outside evaluators.
- (3) Copies of course description and brochures for this summer's courses offered by The Pisgah Forest Institute, Keystone College Environmental Education Institute and the Pacific Forest Institute.

In addition to the above material, please be aware that the ERC does not have a stated policy regarding Congressional earmarks nor have we hired or considered hiring a lobbyist to assist us in any of our activities.

A new annual report for the Adventure of the American Mind will be prepared at the end of this fiscal year and will be transmitted directly to your committee upon its completion. In addition, I anticipate providing further material on each of the projects identified above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Hunter".

John C. Hunter  
Executive Director

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Enclosures